

The Fourth Grade Newsletter

Apple Creek Elementary

Nov. 4-8

Language Arts

Reading – We will begin Unit 2 Week 5. The essential question of the week is, “*How are writers inspired by animals?*” The vocabulary words are: *brittle, creative, descriptive, and outstretched*. We will be working on determining the point of view of a story. **The reading quiz over our main story will be Wednesday, Nov. 6. Vocabulary Unit 2 test will be Thursday, Nov. 7.**

Grammar- This week in grammar students will learn how to combine sentences. We are ending our unit over nouns and will take a **Noun test on Friday, Nov.8**. It will be over common/proper nouns, singular/plural nouns, irregular plural nouns, possessive nouns, and combining sentences.

Writing- Students will do their district writing on Monday/Tuesday of this week.

Spelling- This week, we will look at words that have suffixes. The words are: *sickly, hardly, quickly, slowly, carefully, wonderful, beautiful, graceful, spoonful, darkness, shapeless, ageless, illness, goodness, spotless, painless, weakness, darkest, clearest, and thoughtful*.

Everyday Mathematics

Lessons 3.2 - 3.5

Next week, students will generate equivalent fractions using fraction circles and number lines. They will draw visual models to show why fractions are equivalent. Finally, students will work with partners to use mathematical models to compare fractions with different denominators and explain their reasoning.

Vocabulary: equivalent fractions

~Please continue to have your child practice multiplication facts to mastery. These are important to know as students find equivalent fractions.

Science

In science this week, we will continue our Ecosystem Unit. We will be describing how ecosystems are based on interrelationships between biotic and abiotic factors. We will continue to describe how nature and humans can impact ecosystems. We will be describing the positives and negatives these changes have on ecosystems. We will be participating in Project Wild activities, which are hands-on activities that involve problem-solving and decision-making skills about the environment.

SOCIAL STUDIES

In Social Studies this week, we will continue our Prehistoric Indian Unit. We will be describing how various groups of people have lived in Ohio over time, and how interactions among different groups have resulted in both cooperation and conflict. We will be describing the Prehistoric Indians' culture by researching and creating a project in class.

In honor of Veterans' Day it is red, white, and blue day on Friday, November 8th.

Upcoming Events:

Wednesday- Reading Quiz

Thursday- Vocabulary Test

Friday- Veterans' Day Assembly;
Grammar Unit 2 Test (Nouns)

***November Book It calendars require 300 minutes of reading by Friday, Nov.29. Please remember to sign when your child has read.**

Quote of the Week –“Anyone who has never made a mistake has never tried anything new.”- Albert Einstein
